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SUBJECT: TURK-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT REPORTED

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1. TURKISH PRESS OF DECEMBER 14 REPORTS INTIALING IN MOSCOW OF 10-YEAR TURKISH-USSR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT, FOLLOWING MEETING OF MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION WHICH BEGAN ON DECEMBER 9. TURKISH SIDE WAS HEADED BY SELAHATTIN KILIC, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WHILE SEMYON SKATCHKOV, CHAIRMAN, SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC-RELATIONS, WAS REPORTEDLY THE SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL INVOLVED.

2. PRESS REPORTS GIVE NO DETAILS AS TO VALUE OF AGREEMENT OR SPECIFIC PROJECTS COVERED. REPORTEDLY, BROAD AREAS OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, PETROLEUM REFINING, AND IRON, STEEL AND ALUMINUM PRODUCTION WERE INVOLVED. THESE ACCORD ROUGHLY WITH EARLIER PRESS SPECULATION TO EFFECT THAT KILIC TOOK WITH HIM A SHOPPING LIST ENVISAGING SOVIET COMMITMENTS TO (A) INCREASE CAPACITY OF ISKENDERUN STEEL PLANT FROM FOUR TO SIX MILLION TONS, (B) DOUBLE CAPACITY OF SEYDISEHIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALUMINUM PLANT; (C) PROVIDE NEW ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING

SEVERAL FACTORIES, PARTICULARLY IN ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SECTOR,
AND (D) START CONSTRUCTION ON TWO POWER PLANTS ALREADY AGREED ON.

3. WE UNDERSAND THIS IS PRELIMINARY UMBRELLA AGREEMENT,
STILL REQUIRING APPROVAL OF TWO GOVERNMENTS, UNDER WHICH
SPECIFIC PROJECT COOPERATION MAY EVENTUALLY BE UNDERTAKEN.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND CLARIFICATION
FROM OUR USUAL MFA CONTACTS DEALING WITH TURKISH ECONOMIC
RELATIONS WITH BLOC COUNTRIES, MOST OF WHOM AT PRESENT ARE EITHER
IN MOSCOW OR WITH ELEKDAG, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MFA, IN EAST
GERMANY. MEANWHILE WOULD WELCOME ANY DETAILS MOSCOW IS ABLE TO
OBTAIN.
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